THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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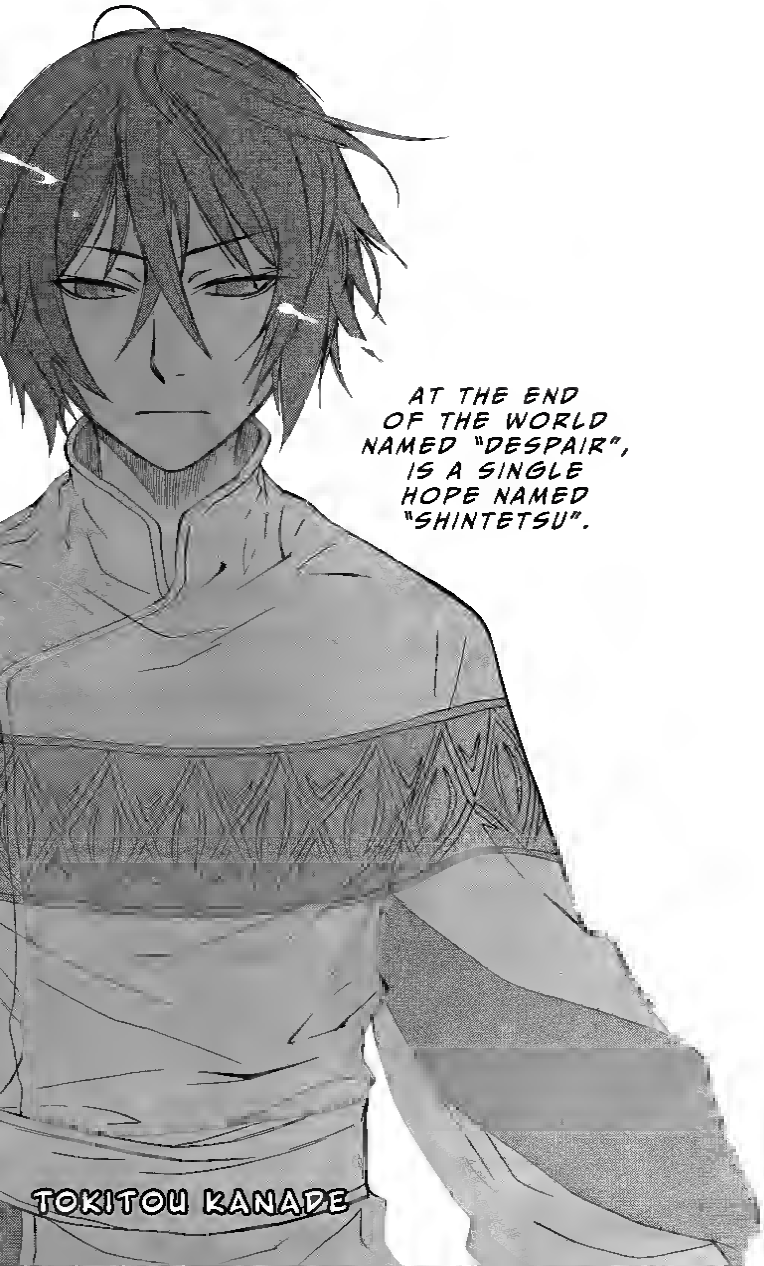
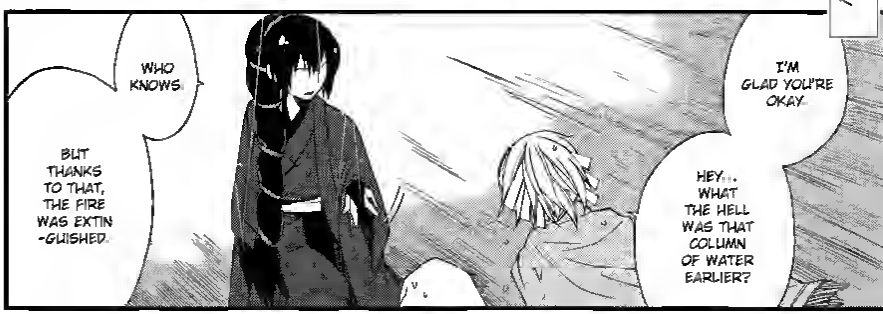
CHAPTER 2: HEAVY SHACKLES



LET'S BEGIN THE SECOND CHAPTER BY LOOKING FOR THE WHEEL OF FATE IN T HIS BROKEN WORLD!


WHO KNOWS.
BUT THANKS TO THAT, THE FIRE WAS EXTIN -GUISHED.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.
HEY... WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT COLUMN OF WATER EARLIER?

BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE AFTER ONLY DOING THIS MUCH
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY "KOUEN" DECIDED TO ATTACK THIS PLACE.
WE SHOULD REDRAW FOR NOW.

TENKOU
IS A
RAJAN?
THAT ONLY A RAJAN COULD DO
EVOKING A "WATER" THAT CAN WIN AGAINST A "FIRE"
THAT'S SOMETHING
GOT ANY PROOF?
NOPE,
BUT TENKOU WAS THE ONE WHO CALLED FORTH THIS WATER.
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
THEN WHY IS A RAJAN HERE IN THIS VILLAGE..?

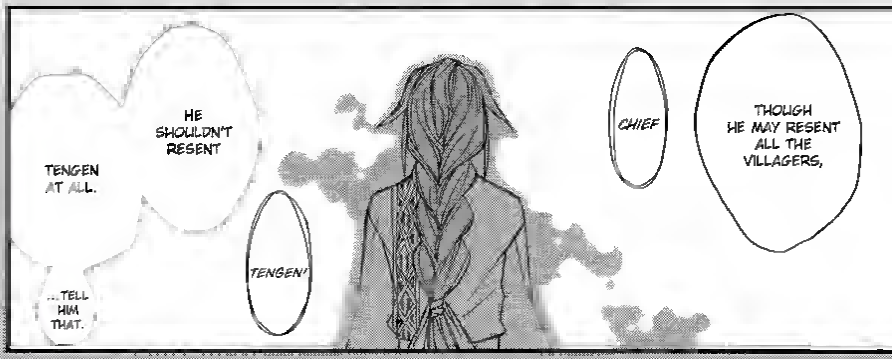
HE PROTECTED TENKOU?
YEAH.
THE VILLAGE HEAD WAS TENKOU'S MENTOR?
THERE'S NO WAY TO BE CERTAIN.
...OR, DID HE KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT TENKOU THAT WE DON'T?
WITH HOW THINGS ARE NOW, THOUGH
IN ANY CASE, WE'LL BE GREATLY OUTNUMBERED.
THE SKY IS BEGINNING TO CLEAR.
SOON, THE SECOND WAVE OF FORCES WILL ARRIVE.
AT LEAST LET'S BURY...
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO.
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.
RUSTLE

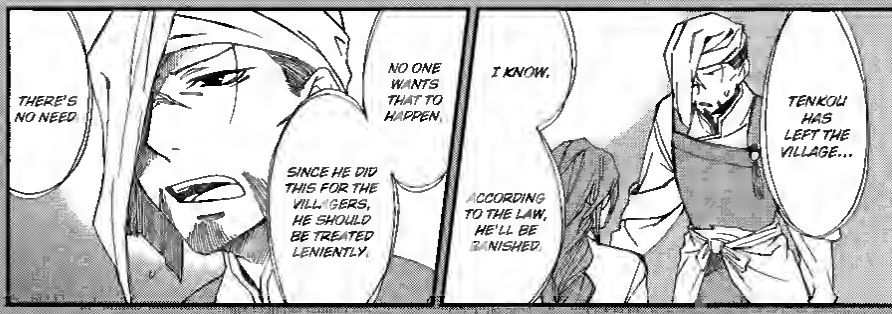
IT'S REGRET-TABLE BUT..
LET'S GO.
ALMA
I KNOW.
WE HAVE TO CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD.

SPLASH
SPLASH
IT'S OKAY.
WE'LL DEFINITELY MEET BACK UP.
GO ON AHEAD.
BURTON,
WHAT ARE...
ALMA,
OKAY THEN.
...YOU'RE TOO SOFT ON ALMA
SHUT UP.
ALRIGHT ALREADY, BREAK IT UP YOU TWO.

URGH ...
!
...YOU
YOU WERE... WITH... TENKOU...
IT'S...
DRIP
ALREADY TOO LATE FOR THAT..
HANG ON,
I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU...
RATTLE
NO NEED, .
IS... TEN... KOU
YEAH.
SAFE ...?

I'M REALLY GLAD.
COULD YOU GIVE HIM A MESSAGE FOR ME...?


THOUGH HE MAY RESENT ALL THE VILLAGERS,
CHIEF
TENGEN!
HE SHOULDN'T RESENT TENGEN AT ALL.
...TELL HIM THAT.


TENKOU HAS LEFT THE VILLAGE...
I KNOW.
ACCORDING TO THE LAW, HE'LL BE BANISHED.
NO ONE WANTS THAT TO HAPPEN.
SINCE HE DID THIS FOR THE VILLAGERS, HE SHOULD BE TREATED LENIENTLY.
THERE'S NO NEED.

... FATE HAS BEGUN TO MOVE.
IN ORDER FOR TENKOU TO CHOOSE A PATH ON HIS OWN,
WE'LL HAVE TO CUT OFF ALL TIES WITH HIM.

...TENGEN PICKED UP A BABY WHO WAS ABANDONED OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.
HE NAMED HIM "TENKOU" AND RAISED HIM.
I'M CERTAIN HE TRULY...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT... HE WAS THINKING.
HOW... EVER,
ROAR
TREMBLE
CRACK
Oh...
Ohh.
!?
CRICK
RUMBLE
COUGH
Gah
Ah.
Gaah.
CRACKLE
BA-DUMP
THAT'S
THE ONLY REPARATION I CAN GIVE TO TENKOU,
SEN-SEI
SEN-SEI.
WHO WAS TEMPORARILY A PART OF MY "FAMILY"

Ahh.
Wha...
Oh.
Gah
AH!
!
GRIND

SFX ZZSH
DI-
DIO?
...!

HMM?
STARE
WAH!?
WAH!
WAWAH!
OHH, COULD YOU CALM DOWN?
OUR CLOTHES WERE SOAKING WET, SO WE TOOK THEM OFF.
DONNY, WHY ARE MOST OF YOUR CLOTHES OFF!?
D-
OH
TENKOU, YOU'VE WOKEN UP... BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?

SOAKING WET ...?
HUH?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
BURTON TOLD ME EVERYTHING.
YOU CALLED FORTH A HUGE COLUMN OF WATER,
AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE BURNING THE VILLAGE
THE VILLAGE ...!
!
HOW IS EVERYONE!?
AND SENSEI!?

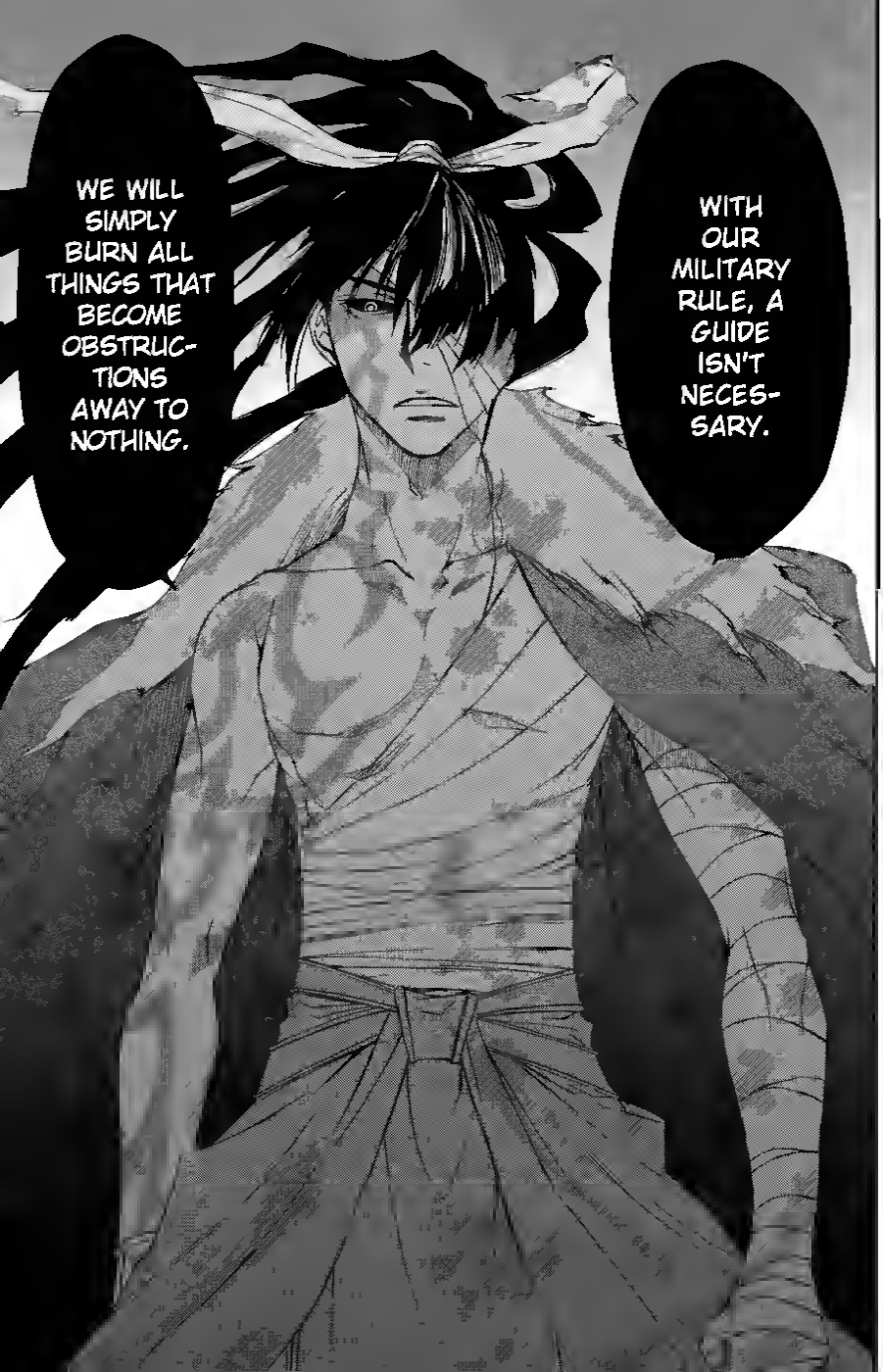
THAT DRAGON.
... THOSE FLAMES...
THOSE MASKED SOLDIERS...
THEY'RE ALL PART OF "KOUEN".
YEAH.
BURTON,
WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT AROUND HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
DID YOU TRANSMIT OUR LOCATION TO ALMA?
TENKOU,
WHY THOSE GUYS ATTACKED YOUR VILLAGE?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA

UP UNTIL THIS POINT, I'D ONLY LEARNED ABOUT THINGS VERY CLOSE TO MY OWN VILLAGE.
NO ..
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THOSE GUYS ..
THERE ARE TERRIFYING MAGANE ALL AROUND OUTSIDE,
BUT THE VILLAGE... THOUGH IT WAS POOR, WAS A PEACEFUL PLACE...
AND NOW...
IT'S BECOME
SOMETHING SO AWFUL!

BEING UNAFFECTED BY THE WORLD SURE MUST BE NICE.
KICCHOMU.
WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY.
IS
BUT, IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
THEY'RE CONFINING THEMSELVES INSIDE. SLOWLY, THE CONDITIONS ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE TERRIBLE.
THE POPULATION IS DECREASING SHARPLY, AND BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR OF THE MAGANE, THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SPREAD AROUND ARE REJECTING THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
"KOUEN"
IS A GROUP THAT'S SICK OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO'VE SIMPLY ACCEPTED THAT FACT.
RATHER, THEY ARE LAWLESS THUGS THAT WANT TO KILL EVERYTHING WITH FIRE INSTEAD.
SFX: WHOOSH

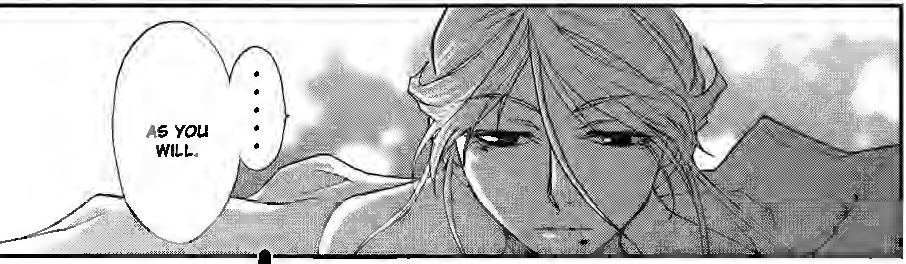
CLACK
CLACK
THE EXAMINATION OF ALL OF THE PARTS HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND THERE'S NOTHING UNUSUAL TO REPORT.
THE MIST HAS ALL CLEARED.
OUR VISION IS SUFFICIENT AGAIN.
YES, MA'AM!
ALL RIGHT.
CONTINUE CIRCLING THE AREA.
HIS MAJESTY?
HE'S ALONE ON THE BRIDGE.

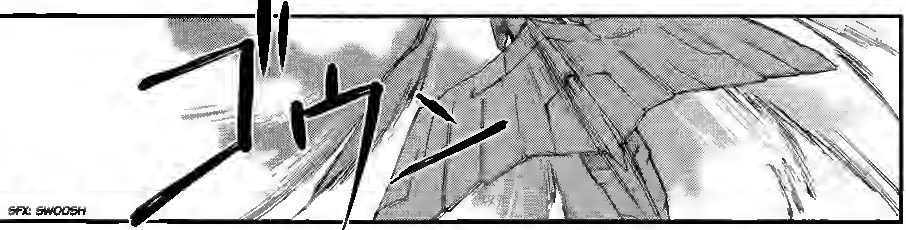
FLAP
YOUR MAJESTY.
AS YOU COMMANDED, WE SET THE VILLAGE BELOW ABLAZE
I
IS THAT OKAY?
ACCORDING TO THE PROPHET,
A "RAJAN" SHOULD BE HERE. .
RUSTLE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.


WE WILL SIMPLY BURN ALL THINGS THAT BECOME OBSTRUC-TIONS AWAY TO NOTHING.
WITH OUR MILITARY RULE, A GUIDE ISN'T NECES-SARY.

!...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR STATING
MY HUMBLE OPINION
FINE
I'M RELYING ON YOU, GENERAL NYX.
HOW UNSIGHTLY.
WE SHOULD QUICKLY TURN IT TO PURE ASHES.
AND WHAT OF THE MALACIA DEPLOYED FOR THE ANNIHI-LATION?
—WE'RE CONCERNED,
THE SECOND PLATOON HAS YET TO RETURN TO BASE.
LOWER THE DRAGON.
WE'RE GOING BELOW.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND, YOUR MAJESTY?

MY SOLDIERS.
I'M GOING TO GO GREET THEM AS A REWARD FOR THEIR WORK.


AS YOU WILL.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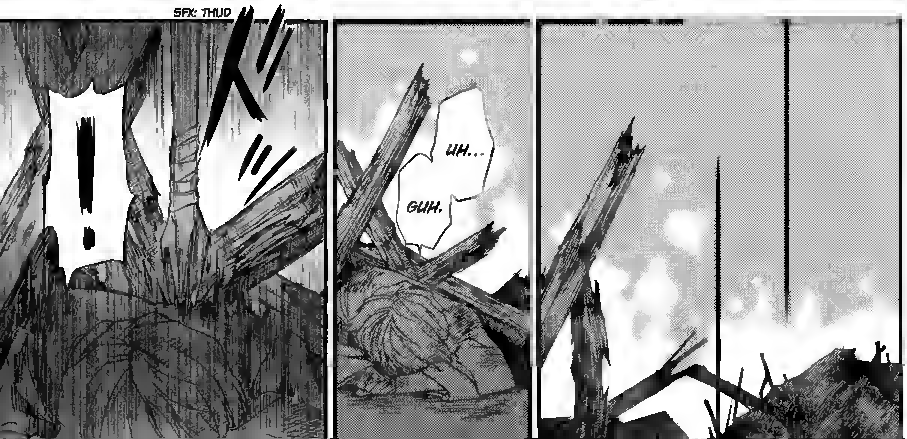
SFX: SWOOSH


SFX: THUD
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UH...
GUH.

ズ・ン
CRUNCH
SLASH
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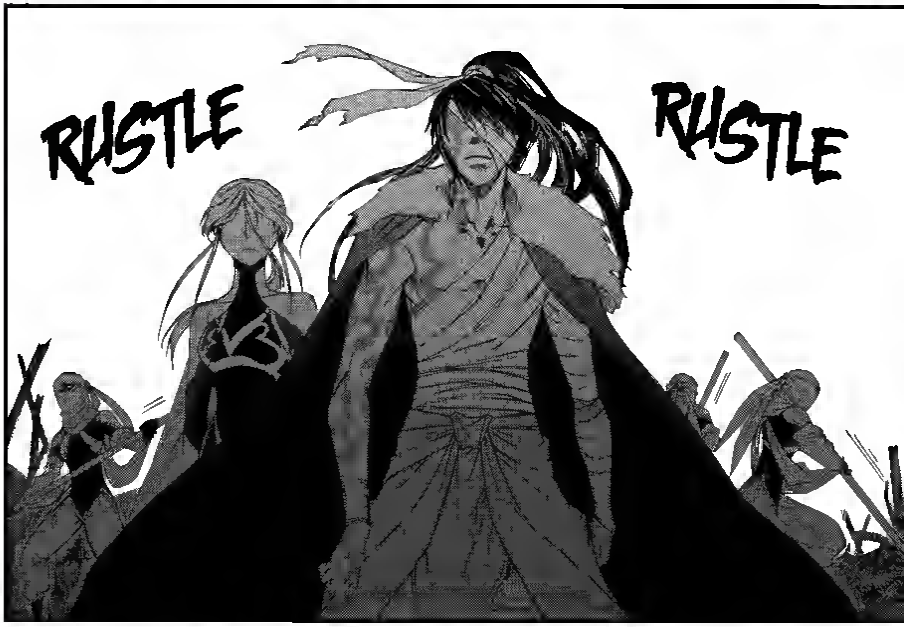
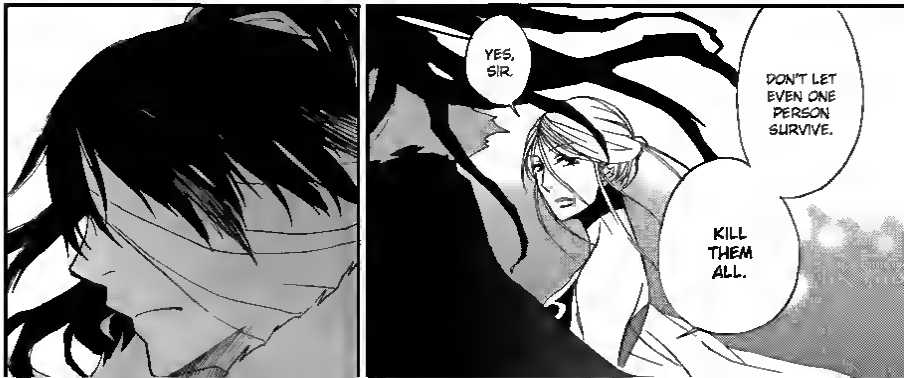
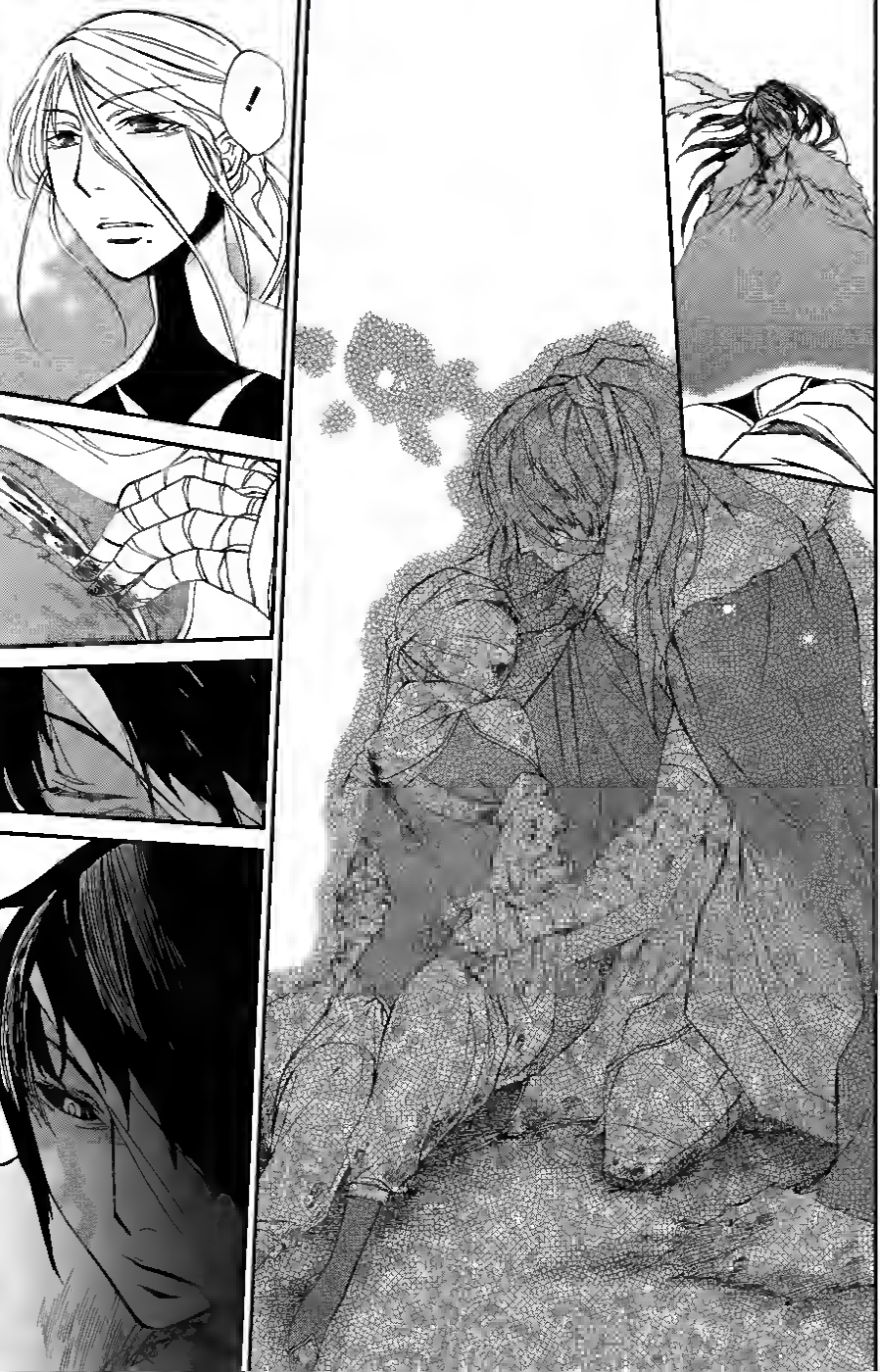
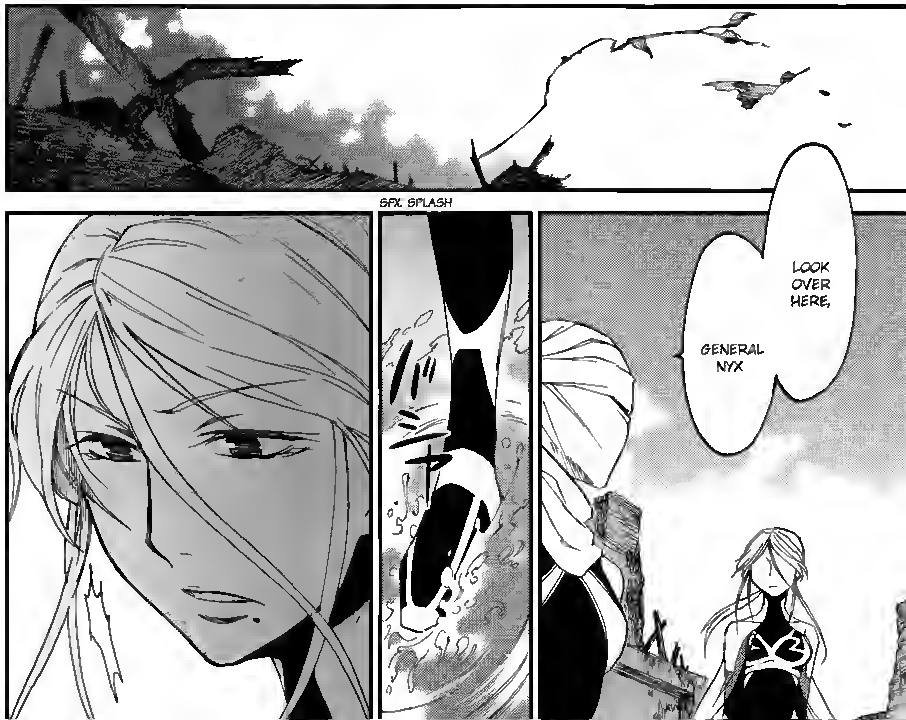
N
SFX: SHATTER
SFX: TREMBLE

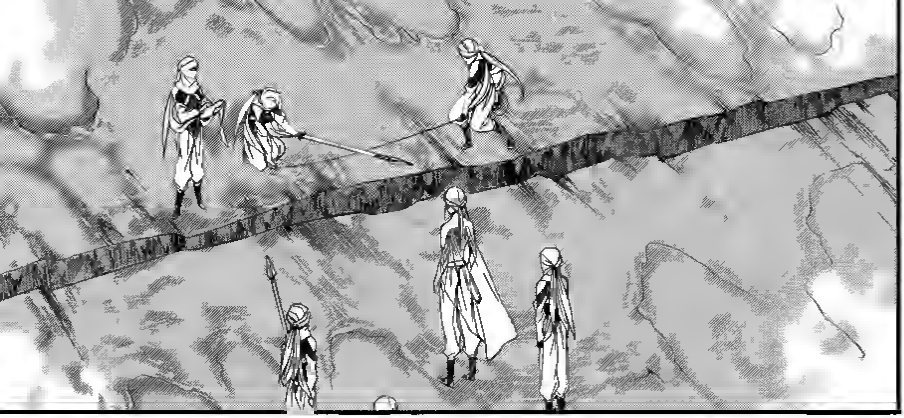

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

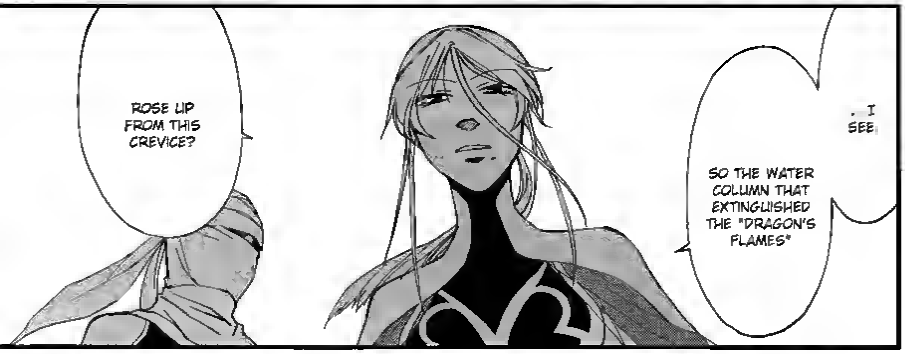

YES, SIR.
DON'T LET EVEN ONE PERSON SURVIVE.
KILL THEM ALL.



ANY-THING YOU ORDER
WILL BE DONE, YOUR MAJESTY
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE ALIVE OR DEAD.
RETRIEVE ALL OF THE SOLDIERS.
NOT EVEN ONE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND,


SFX. SPLASH
LOOK OVER HERE,
GENERAL NYX




ROSE UP FROM THIS CREVICE?
. I SEE.
SO THE WATER COLUMN THAT EXTINGUISHED THE "DRAGON'S FLAMES"

SOMETHING THAT COULD EVEN KILL THE ELITE MALACIA..
WHAT
HAPPENED HERE?
IT LONG CEASED NATURALLY PRODUCING "METAL".
MUST MEAN THAT THIS PLOT OF LAND'S WHOLE WATER SUPPLY HAS BEEN USED UP.. BESIDES,
THE FACT THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH "WATER" TO BLAST AWAY THE DRAGON'S FLAMES,
...HOWEVER, EVEN IF THIS LARGE TREE HAD BEEN VIBRANTLY ALIVE BEFORE, THIS WOULD HAVE PUT IT THROUGH A LOT OF DISTRESS

BUT, EVERYONE ELSE LOOKS SICK, TOO?
...YEAH.
AS ONE WOULD EXPECT, I'M PRETTY WORN OUT.
IT'S ALL RATHER VEXING
YOU HAVE A FEVER,
TENKOU
WE'VE ALL GRADUALLY BECOME HUNGRY, AFTER ALL
...
WELL,
EVERY -ONE,
IS SOME- THING WRONG?
YOU GUYS HAVEN'T EATEN ANY- THING THIS WHOLE TIME?
?
OH... I SEE.

THE MOST IMPO-RTANT THING IS THAT YOU'RE OKAY.
KICCHOMU.
YEAH.
ALMA.
HERE'S SOME FOOD.
SORRY.
I'M LATE.
...WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
THE VILLAGE.

...?
ALMA...

BA-
-BUMP

...THIS IS... FOOD?
HERE, THIS IS YOUR PART.
WHAT IN THE HELL IS IT...?
MCH.
BSSH
GSSH
TSSH
!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

THE HEART OF A MAGANE.
HUH ?
SPLAT
SL IP

EVEN FOR A MAGANE...
BUT,
THIS...
THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?
A MAGANE?
AND YOU'RE SAYING TO EAT IT...?
IT'S THE TRUTH.
GAVE US A WAY TO OPPOSE THE MAGANE BY CONSUMING AND PURIFYING THE MAGANE WITHIN OUR BODIES.
THE "SHINTETSU"
I ALREADY TOLD YOU BEFORE.
WHY!?
OUR BODIES WERE ALL DESECRATED BY THE MAGANE AT ONE POINT.
WHY DO I HAVE TO EAT A MAGANE ...?
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

AND
ONCE THE "SHINTETSU" HAS BEEN AWAKENED,
IF YOU DON'T CONTINUE TO EAT MAGANE,
THEN YOU WILL ALSO TURN INTO ONE.
IS THAT
TRUE, EVERY-ONE..?
AND I'M
THE SAME ...?

TENKOU.
YES, YOU'RE THE SAME,
NO WAY!!
NO. NO. NO. NO. NO. NO.
TCH !!
IF I HAVE TO BECOME SUCH A MONSTER, THEN I'D RATHER BE DEAD.
WHY?
WHY DID I HAVE TO SURVIVE?
YOU CHOSE THAT
BETWEEN ROTTING AND RESISTING,
YOUR SOUL WANTED TO RESIST

BECAUSE OF THAT,
YOU'RE ALIVE NOW.
BECAUSE OF THAT
YOU SAY...
BUT...
SQUEEZE
THE MAG-ANE
WERE PREVI-OUSLY
HUMANS...
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM STANDING GUARD!

THANKS FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ME ALL THE TIME
OKAY
IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME HUH?
HERE'S LUNCH.
SENSEI SAID FOR YOU TO TAKE A BREAK.
AH
I CAN'T DO IT.
I CAN'T DO IT...
THERE'S NO WAY...

I CAN'T EAT ONE OF THE VILLAGERS
THAT I SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH...!!
TENKOU,
WE ALL...
DONNY ...DIO.
ALMA,
BURTON, KICCHOMU,
I'M SORRY.

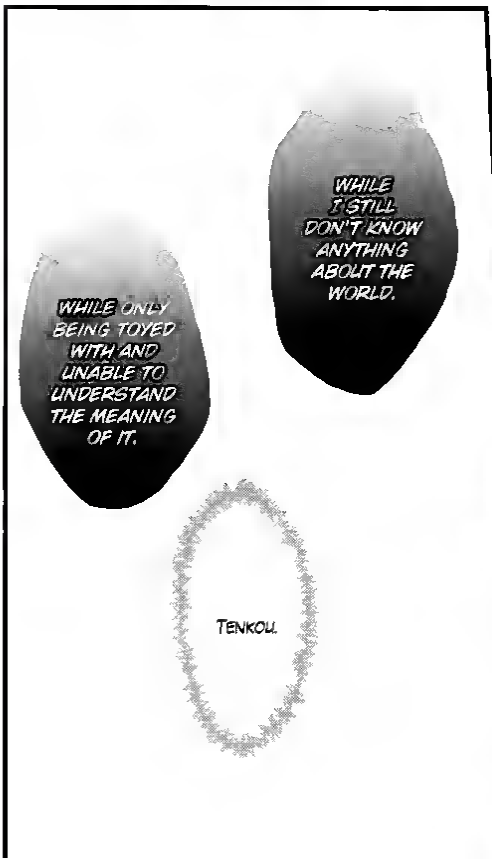
I CAN'T
GO ALONG WITH YOU AFTER ALL.
!!

...HE MADE HIS CHOICE.
HE'S GOING TO DIE.
IS THIS REALLY OKAY, ALMA?

IF TENKOU REALLY IS A "RAJAN",
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME AGAIN, AREN'T WE?
BEFORE WE CAN GET TO THE "AGARTH OF SHINTETSU".
I KNOW THAT.
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S THE CASE,
IF HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY DESIRE TO LIVE,
THEN HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD FROM HERE.
—HAH.
HAH.
HAH.

HAAH.
I HAVE TO DISTANCE MYSELF FROM ANYBODY'S RESIDENCES.
HAAH.
BEFORE I BECOME A MAGANE.

...I HAVE TO HURRY.
IT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN DO.
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS GET FAR AWAY FROM HERE.


WHILE I STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE WORLD.
WHILE ONLY BEING TOYED WITH AND UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF IT.
TENKOU.

BEFORE I BECOME...
THROB

AM I...
GOING TO DIE ..?

THE VILLAGE WHERE I WAS RAISED, AND THE PEOPLE IMPORT. NT TO ME.
YOU MUSTN'T DIE.
I WASN'T ABLE TO S VE ANY OF THEM FROM
LIVE, AND SAVE THIS WORLD FROM ITS DESTINY OF
DESTRUCTION.
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYONE... HERE
SLIDE
...RIGHT HERE IS GOOD... ENOUGH
STUMBLE

HUH ...?
RUSH
HELP MY FATHER!!
ARE YOU IN THIS PLACE...?
A CHILD ...?
WHY
...SHIJU VILLAGE.
WHAT VILLAGE ARE YOU FROM?
WHILE WE WERE RUNNING AWAY,
HE STOPPED RUNNING AND SAID, "MY CHEST IS HURTING" ...
Sigh
WHEEZE
OUR VILLAGE WAS ATTACKED BY MAGANE..

A VILLAGE I GOT MEDICINE FROM...
BOTH HIS FEVER AND PULSE ARE HIGH.
DOES YOUR FATHER... HAVE SOME TYPE OF ILLNESS?
NO.
THE STUFF I HAVE SHOULD REDUCE HIS PAIN AND FEVER A BIT...
THIS WILL ONLY HELP HIM RELAX,
BUT IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING.
IT HURTS...
I DON'T...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET...
BIG BROTHER, YOU'RE AMAZING...!
ARE YOU A DOCTOR?
MORE OF A HERBALIST.
JUST AN APPRENTICE, THOUGH
...ALL RIGHT.
HIS BREATHING HAS CALMED DOWN A LITTLE...
FOR NOW, HE'LL BE OKAY...
SUU
SUU
I SEE.
BIG BROTHER, I'M SO GLAD I MET YOU.
THANK YOU!

I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO SAVE SOMEONE,
IN THE END,
HUH...?
SR SRN
GUH...
BIG BROTHER!?
NOT AGAIN...!!
MY EYES!

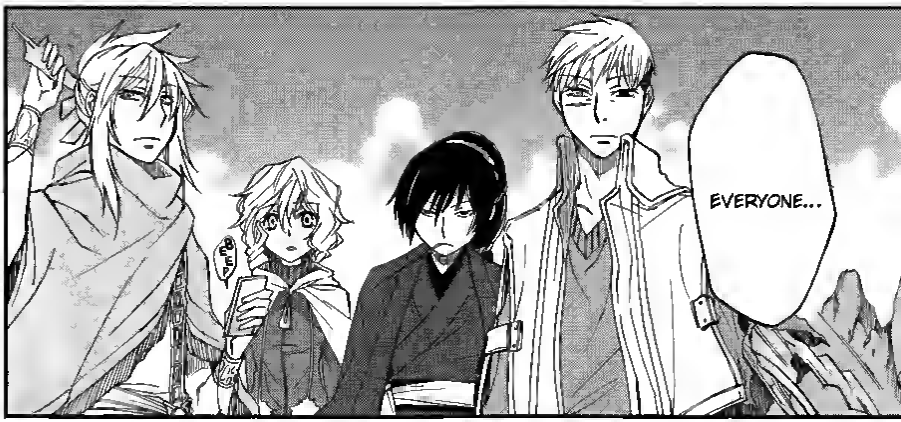
NO WAY...!?
.....!!
I SEE.
GET AWAY FROM YOUR FATHER...!
YOU!
HURRY!
BIG BROTHER?

GUSH

SFX: ROAR
AH.
TH, 'NK YOU.
I STILL COULDN'T ... HELP ANYONE.
BIG BROTHER.
IN THE END,
I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET.
I...
DON'T WANT
ALSO ...
TO DIE ...!!
YOU MUSTN'T DIE.
THAT'S THE REALITY,
BUT
TENKOU.

SFX: GRIP
A-
ALMA...?
SFX: SLASH

TO SAVE ME...?
WHY ...DID YOU COME...


EVERYONE...

I DON'T WANT TO DIE
SAYING "I DON'T WANT TO DIE."
WE HEARD YOUR CRY.
THE CRY OF YOUR SOUL.

TCH...!!
I'M THE ONE WHO BOUND YOU IN SHACKLES
EVERYONE ELSE, TOO
IN ORDER TO LIVE,
YOU HAVE TO BE COMPELLED TO THROW AWAY OTHER PEOPLE
HOWEVER, IF YOU
HAVE THE DESIRE TO SAVE
THIS WORLD, ITS PEOPLE, AND YOURSELF...

IF YOU WANT TO PUT AN END TO THIS MISERABLE SITUATION,
THEN YOU CAN ONLY CLING TO LIFE AND CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD.

I
"THE AGARTHA OF SHINTETSU"...
IF WE MANAGE TO REACH THAT PLACE,
CAN WE REALLY PUT AN END TO ALL THIS...?
WE ALL BELIEVE SO, AND HAVE TAKEN ON THIS JOURNEY FOR THAT CAUSE.

IT'S HARSH.
BUT THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR US TO RELY ON ANYONE EXCEPT OURSELVES.
BUT THIS CAN STILL BE SAID.
ALL OF US
DECIDED TO JOIN IN AND UNDERTAKE THIS JOURNEY.
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE ONLY PLACES WE COME ACROSS ARE ALREADY TORN TO SHREDS.
EVERYONE WORRIES ...AND SUFFERS
ALL BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT
TO GIVE UP ON LIVING.
... IT'S YOUR LIFE.
WHETHER YOU THROW IT AWAY OR CONTINUE STRUGGLING FOR IT,
IS ALL UP TO YOU.

IF YOU WANT TO DIE, THEN JUST STAY HERE
AFTER YOU CHANGE INTO A MAGANE, WE'LL SOON KILL YOU.
AND THEN EVERY ONE OF US WILL EAT YOU.
...YOUR LIFE,
YOUR ANGER, YOUR TEARS, YOUR REGRETS.
EVERYTHING.
TENKOU
YOU MUSTN'T DIE.
I...

FROM ITS DESTINY OF DESTR-UCTION
I'LL GO
IN ORDER TO STOP THAT AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
HIS DECISION FIRED LIKE A SLINGSHOT TOWARD'S FATE——!!

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